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1. Norwegians encouraged by Washington visit--US Ambassador Bay in Oslo has learned that the Norwegian delegation which recently accompanied Foreign Minister Lange to Washington feels that the visit was worthwhile and considers that the US position is now "crystal clear." Norwegian officials are reportedly encouraged concerning progress on the Atlantic Pact and are reassured regarding Norway's advantages and obligations under the Pact. Foreign Minister Lange has given Bay the impression that "everything is going according to plan."

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2. French disagree with US-UK proposal on Berlin currency--According to US Ambassador Murphy in Berlin, French Military Governor Koenig has informed his US and British colleagues in Germany that he could not agree to the US-UK proposal for initiating an exclusive use of the western mark in Berlin on 10 March. Koenig reportedly requested that this action be postponed until a decision has been made by the UN Security Council or, failing a reasonably prompt decision by the Council, until the military governors can reconsider the subject early in March. Koenig added that the US-UK proposal would link Berlin to the western zones, which was contrary to French policy.

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The Department of State has instructed US Ambassador Caffery in Paris to join the British Ambassador there in pressing the French Foreign Minister to accede to the US-UK proposals on this subject.

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